

1 THE HONORABLE MARC L. BARRECA  
2 Hearing Date: January 20, 2012  
3 Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m.  
4 Response Date: January 13, 2012  
5 Chapter 7  
6 Hearing Location: Seattle  
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8 THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE  
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE  
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11 In re

12 ADAM GROSSMAN, Debtor.

13 Case No. 10-19817

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15 DECLARATION OF ADAM  
16 GROSSMAN IN REPLY TO  
17 TRUSTEE'S RESPONSE TO MOTION  
18 FOR ABANDONMENT

19 I am the Debtor herein and I have read the Trustee's Response To Debtor's Motion For  
20 Abandonment Of Terrington Davies LLC.

21 This Response contains many errors. I do not see a need to identify and correct all of  
22 them here except for two. First, the Trustee states that "Terrington Davies [LLC] is a defendant  
23 in adversary proceeding number 11-1954" [Page 2, Line 7]. This is not true. The referenced  
24 proceeding names 15 defendants. Terrington Davies LLC is not one of them. It is unlikely that  
25 this was a mistake because in the last Interim Report the Trustee reported that for "Terrington  
26 Davies LP [sic]" [Page 2, Item 16] (see Exhibit 4) the estimated net value determined by the  
27 Trustee less liens, exemptions, and other costs was \$0 and the asset was declared "DA",  
intention to fully abandon under 11 U.S.C. §554(c). Second, Jeffrey Bernstein has no interest

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1 in Terrington Davies LLC; he resigned as managing member in 2010 [see Exhibit 1].

2                   **Customer Property Claims Have Been Long Anticipated**

3                   The Trustee "is highly concerned" [Page 3, Line 2] that investors may contend that the  
4 estate holds customer property or maintains that customer property, property belonging to other  
5 people, is part of the estate and, as a result, will make claims against the estate and "contend  
6 that the estate is liable."

7                   This issue is not new and has been identified for a very long time. As far back as May,  
8 2011, I submitted to this court in my amended Statement of Financial Affairs a very detailed  
9 description of losses suffered by me and other customers [see Exhibit 2]. This error was  
10 publicly made known again through a declaration submitted in state Superior Court by Joanna  
11 Strober (see Exhibit 5). Ms. Strober has very uniquely relevant qualifications to comment on  
12 parts of these proceedings: she is trained as an attorney, holds a very senior position as  
13 Managing Partner at Sterling Stamos where her job is to evaluate investment funds on behalf of  
14 clients, has personal knowledge of the transaction in which the state Superior Court erred in  
15 misclassifying customer property as estate property (community property), was an investor in  
16 the Tanager Fund for years, and has stated outright that it will likely affect her personally if  
17 losses are prorated among investors "as GAAP accounting suggests" [Declaration of Joanna  
18 Strober, Page 2, Line 16]. She specifically wrote,

19                   **I would like for my redemption not to be clawed**  
20                   **back. The trial Judge's error should be corrected**  
21                   **and the client money returned to its rightful owners**  
22                   **but I have not yet had any standing for which to**  
23                   **make a claim or have my interests represented.**

24                   **[Declaration of Joanna Strober, Page 2, Line 6]**

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1                   **Emphasis added.**

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3       so there should be no surprise that investors and customers -- other people -- who have not had  
4       any standing in state court will submit claims in federal court where they have standing.

5       To be as clear as possible, "I have not yet had any standing for which to make a claim or  
6       have my interests represented" almost certainly means "I will make a claim where I have  
7       standing to have my interests represented."

8                   **Fiduciary Duties And Customer Property Claims**

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10      I have a fiduciary duty to ensure that customer property is returned to its rightful  
11     owners. I respectfully request this Court to make particular note of the following points:

12      Apparently the Trustee "is highly concerned that the K-1's, to the extent issued, will not  
13     be accurate" [Page 3, Line 2] even though it is my preferred practice is to use the services of  
14     the highly prestigious accounting firm Peterson Sullivan LLP. I am not an accountant so I rely  
15     upon their services and have found Peterson Sullivan LLP to have the highest level of integrity.  
16     Their reputation is well known.

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18      I would have preferred that investor claims accurately reflect the actual tax returns and  
19     financial statements which is why I have for months requested the Trustee make some  
20     arrangements -- any arrangements -- for this. Because the Trustee and Trustee's attorney have  
21     resisted doing so [see Exhibit 3], I have submitted this motion for abandonment. Now, the  
22     claims will have to guess at the actual amounts likely to be reflected in future tax returns and  
23     K-1's yet to be prepared.

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25      Customer property should be returned to its rightful owners. This is not only a high  
26     priority in Bankruptcy Code but it is the right thing to do. It is a very reasonable request that

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1 customers want their property returned and it should be fully expected that customers will make  
2 such requests. Returning other people's property to them should be a goal, not a cause of  
3 concern.

4 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the  
5 foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.  
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7 Dated this 17th day of January, 2012. Signed in Seattle, WA.

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9 /s/ Adam Grossman  
10 Adam R. Grossman  
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## **Exhibit 1**

JEFFREY R. BERNSTEIN  
1916 2<sup>ND</sup> AVE. N  
SEATTLE, WA 98109-2505  
206-588-0343

December 18, 2010

Adam Grossman  
5766 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. N  
Seattle, WA 98105

Dear Adam:

Having notified you in early November of my desire to resign from Terrington Davies LLC, I hereby, pursuant to section 12 of our Principals' Agreement, "quit Terrington Davies and free [my]self of all responsibilities under [the Principals' Agreement]," effective immediately.

According to our agreement, the rights/responsibilities that accrue/devolve to me are as follows: At your discretion I will perform all work necessary to dissolve Terrington Davies or I will turn over to you any Terrington Davies material you want in order to continue the work of Terrington Davies. If you elect to designate a person to take on the responsibilities I have had, I will teach that person how to perform those responsibilities.

Unless and until I hear from you I will assume you will take care of all the responsibilities previously assigned to me.

Terrington Davies has three vendors who I have been responsible for. The account with the UPS Store in Greenville, DE is paid up through February 20, 2011. The UPS store requires us to maintain an account with them to cover the cost of forwarding our mail. The balance of that account presently is \$5.91. I have directed them to forward all mail to you. Their email address is store1391@theupsstore.com.

The second vendor is Agents and Corporations, Inc. who we pay to serve as our registered agent in Delaware. We are paid up with them through the end of 2011. Their email address is [agents@incnow.com](mailto:agents@incnow.com).

The third vendor is Peterson Sullivan. We owe them \$5705. It is my understanding you are handling this matter. As I am liable for amounts owed to Peterson Sullivan for work they did prior to my resignation, I would appreciate it if you would keep me apprised of how you are dealing with their bill. I am prepared to contribute my share, 1/3 of the amount owed.

Very truly yours,

Jeff Bernstein

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### **Exhibit 3**

**ADAM R. GROSSMAN, REQUEST TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS**

JULY 26, 2011 12:30PM

29. All documents relating to Keywest Financial, LLC, or the members of that entity, in any way.

**See Question 28.**

**"Relating to Keywest Financial LLC": I don't have and haven't had many documents relating to them. Any questions we have (they want to know something about an account or entity, I want to ask them to file a reconveyance) are generally relayed through an intermediary, usually Pete O'Connell. I have checked on the Georgia Secretary of State web site that they exist are in good standing with the Georgia equivalent of Registered Agent. I have not kept any of the documents which may have been temporarily downloaded to my computer. Per Instruction 14, (a) Georgia Secretary of State, (b) Atlanta, (c) the windows temp directory on my computer, (d) not saved.**

Besides this, based on the consensus of advice I have received, I try not to have contact with them. Our transition went pretty well with sign-offs, passwords, logins, resignations and appointments, etc. That lasted for about a month. I was in California for almost two weeks from mid-December to around January 1 and we met for about two days to make lists of where the mailboxes were, I have more recently been on one or two conference calls with Jason White and Peterson and Sullivan for the purpose of discussing the handling of the K-1's.

I contacted Ron Brown twice by telephone during the period in which we could reverse the contract and he stated he did not wish to discuss my case with me. I sent him one letter requesting to clarify some property issue questions I had and received no response.

I do not know who the members are except for Jason White who had documentation to show me that was a managing member of the LLC and President and authorized to sign contacts on its behalf. Irene Miller seems to work there but I'm not sure. Pete O'Connell does not seem to work there but is friendly with them. Ms. Mauwes has introduced into court records correspondence she has received and asked me whether I knew about someone (I can't remember their name... Kimberly, Stephanie) and I did not know of the name except through her submission which I read either prior to or after being asked.

"or the members of that entity"

No documents attached. None possessed.

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1           **Date:** Wed, 21 Sep 2011 23:58:19 -0700 (PDT)  
2           **From:** Adam R. Grossman <arg@AdamReedGrossman.com>  
3           **Reply-To:** Adam R. Grossman <adamreedgrossman@yahoo.com>  
4           **To:** Denice Moewes <Dmoewes@aol.com>

5           Dear Ms. Moewes,  
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8           On a different matter since you have requested I provide you with information, I would like to raise your attention to the  
9           lack of issuance of 2010 K-1's to investors. Nobody knows what to do or who should do it but they need to go out. I  
10          believed Keywest was going to do it but they appear to have the same policy expressed in the letter you submitted  
11          from them in the spring... not much willingness to throw good money after bad. My understanding from the Chapter 7  
12          Trustee's Handbook is that I am not allowed to operate any of the businesses that are in the estate: "only the trustee  
13          and not the debtor may be authorized to operate the debtor's business." Any thoughts would be appreciated.

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**Subject:** The court approved the withdrawal...  
**Date:** Thu, 03 Nov 2011 09:59:53 -0700  
**From:** Adam R. Grossman <arg@AdamReedGrossman.com>  
**To:** Dmoewes@aol.com

16          Ms. Moewes,  
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19          A few timely issues:  
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22          3. Issue K-1's for Tanager Fund. I can do this -- other people can be hired but it will cost \$12K of accountants  
23          if we're lucky and I do it for free and probably \$35K+ for someone starting from nothing. I would like to buy  
24          back TD LLC and do the K-1's. I don't know what is possible about working on this or owning this company  
25          and how those relate. It probably has less than \$1,000 in the Schwab account (not a bank account) and owes  
26          \$5K from last year so this is a negative \$17K-\$18K entity.

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**Subject:** Re: GP  
**Date:** Mon, 7 Nov 2011 14:11:07 -0500 (EST)  
**From:** Dmoewes@aol.com  
**To:** arg@AdamReedGrossman.com  
**CC:** ewood1@aol.com

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31          The estate is clearly not going to pay to do K-1's for an entity in which it has no interest.  
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34          Denice Moewes  
35          Wood & Jones, P.S.  
36          303 N. 67th Street  
37          Seattle, WA 98103  
38          206-623-4382

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